Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A plurality of polynucleotides encoding a Fab library comprising a plurality of vectors wherein the vector comprises:

- a first and second cloning region, wherein

  - each cloning region comprises at least one, for the vector unique, restriction enzyme cleavage site,

  - each cloning region being 5' flanked by a ribosome binding site and a signal sequence,

- a polynucleotide encoding an anchor region, located 3' of the second cloning region,

- a first and a second plurality of variable polynucleotides,

  - each encoding a complete antibody variable region or part of an antibody variable region, possibly followed by a complete antibody constant region or part of an antibody constant region,

  - the first plurality of variable polynucleotides being cloned into the vector

at the restriction enzyme cleavage site(s) of the first cloning region,

- the second plurality of variable polynucleotides being cloned into the vector at the restriction enzyme cleavage site(s) of the second cloning region.

2. (Original) Polynucleotide according to claim 1, wherein the first plurality of variable polynucleotides are V_L polynucleotides, and the second plurality of variable polynuclotides are V_H polynucleotides.

3. (Currently amended) Polynucleotides according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the polynucleotides encode at least 10^9 different Fabs, preferably at least 10^{10} different Fabs, most preferably at least 3.7×10^{10} different Fabs.

4. (Withdrawn) Fab library, comprising:

- a plurality of vectors, wherein the vector comprises:

- a first and a second cloning region, wherein

- each cloning region comprises at least one, for the vector unique, restriction enzyme cleavage site,

- each cloning region being 5' flanked by a ribosome binding site and a signal sequence,

- a polynucleotide encoding an anchor region, located 3' of the second cloning region,

- a first and a second plurality of variable polynucleotides,

  - each encoding a complete antibody variable region or part of an antibody variable region, possibly followed by a complete antibody constant region or part of an antibody constant region,

  - the first plurality of variable polynucleotides being cloned into the vector at the restriction enzyme cleavage site(s) of the first cloning region,

  - the second plurality of variable polynucleotides being cloned into the vector at the restriction enzyme cleavage site(s) of the second cloning region to form a plurality of fusion polynucleotides encoding a plurality of fusion proteins,

- a plurality of capsid particles, wherein the plurality of vector containing the first and second pluralities of variable polynucleotides is packaged into the capsid particles, wherein

  - at least some of the capsid particles display the fusion protein encoded by the vector packaged into the capsid on the surface of the capsid.

5. (Withdrawn) Method of making a plurality of polynucleotides encoding a Fab library, comprising the steps of:

- amplifying a first plurality of variable polynucleotides with a first set of primers,

- amplifying a second plurality of variable polynucleotides with a second set of primers,

- wherein each set of primers comprises oligonucleotides designed to be homologous to the 5' and 3' end of variable polynucleotides encoding antibody variable regions or parts thereof, such that they can be used to amplify variable polynucleotide pools from natural or synthetic sources of genes while retaining all or part of the antibody's antigen combining site;

- cloning the first and second plurality of variable polynucleotides into a plurality of vectors,

- wherein the vector comprises:

- a first and a second cloning region, wherein

- each cloning region comprises at least one, for the vector unique, restriction enzyme cleavage site,

- each cloning region being 5' flanked by a ribosome binding site and a signal sequence,

- a polynucleotide encoding an anchor region, located 3' of the second cloning region,

- wherein the first plurality of variable polynucleotides is cloned into the restriction enzyme cleavage site(s) of the first cloning region of the vector and the second plurality of variable polynucleotides into the restriction enzyme cleavage site(s) of the second cloning region of the vector.

6. (Withdrawn) Method according to claim 5, further comprising the steps of:

- cloning the second plurality of variable polynucleotides into a plurality of another vector, and excising the variable polynucleotides from the vector with a restriction enzyme.

7. (Withdrawn) Method of making a Fab library, wherein the plurality of vector containing the first and second pluralities of variable polynucleotides, obtained according to claim 4 or 5, are packaged into a plurality of capsid particles.

8. (Withdrawn) Method for obtaining a Fab clone with specificity to a target, comprising the steps of:

- obtaining a library of claim 4, and

- selecting an antigen-binding Fab using *in vitro* selection on immobilised or labeled antigen.

9. (Withdrawn) Monoclonal Fab or polyclonal collection of Fab clones comprising :

- one clone, respectively a plurality of clones obtained from a library of claim 4 that specifically bind(s) to the human glycoprotein polymorphic epithelial Mucin-1 (MUC1).

10. (Currently amended) Vector as defined in any one of ~~the~~ claims 1-3.